

Rengstorff Park Master Plan – Community Forum Input Summary

Summary of community input from the two community forums held on September 22, 2010 and September 24, 2010:

Park Experience Exercise

- What works well in the park?
 - People like that the park is a multi-use park with activities happening all the time.
 - The adult exercise equipment area is highly used and well loved.
 - The park offers a great wide variety of activities.
 - The pool is a great community resource.
 - Picnic and barbeque areas are highly used and enjoyed by the community.
 - Great lawn, trees, and walkways are great features of the park and should be preserved.
 - Open lawns and sports areas should be maintained. They are highly used.
 - Redwood grove is an asset to the park and should be maintained.
 - The greenery and trees are what make the park so special.
 - The architectural style of the Senior Center, Avenidas and the Childcare Center is well liked.
 - Existing Community Center should not be changed. It is a good asset as it is.
- What doesn't work well in the park?
 - Security and lighting levels are concerns in the existing park (***highly emphasized item***)
 - Would like to see increased lighting at night
 - Currently the park has undesirable characters in the evening and is not safe
 - Police patrols seem to be helping
 - Visibility and staff oversight in the picnic and barbeque areas should be increased
 - Restrooms (***highly emphasized item***)
 - Additional restroom facilities are needed
 - Existing restrooms facilities are not well maintained
 - Parking (***highly emphasized item***)
 - There is not enough parking at the park, especially during events
 - Access to the park from parking lot at Rock Church is difficult and not very safe
 - Teen Center (***highly emphasized item***)
 - The Teen Center is an important feature of the park. High School students need a place in addition to the existing space dedicated to Middle School students.
 - Teens should be involved in determining the uses and services provided at Teen Center.
 - Current access to the park is dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists and should be improved.
 - Wayfinding within the park should be improved. It is very hard to locate areas of the park if one is unfamiliar with the park.
 - The park needs a sense of arrival and a 'front door.'

- More walking space is desired, especially with a soft track surface in a looping configuration.
- Outdoor stage area should be improved to allow for it to be well suited for use in community and performing arts.
- A children's exercise area would be a nice addition to the park.
- Pool facilities should be improved. An Olympic sized, modern facility would benefit the community.
- Playground space should be increased. Incorporating water elements into children's play areas would be great.
- It would be good to provide separation between walking and cycling paths.
- More active areas (basketball, tennis, etc) should be grouped together and further away from children's areas.
- Youth sports organizations need more space and would like to see a formal ball field in the park for use by community organizations.
- Existing buildings are underutilized
- There are too many buildings in the park. Buildings should be reduced while increasing the open park space for the community.
- The Senior Center produces a lot of noise at its events and impacts the neighboring properties.
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- Describe your ideal visit to Rengstorff Park in 10 years. What is the experience? What are you doing?
 - There were no comments captured specifically in answer to this question.
- Other Comments
 - The public appears split on the idea of Closing Crisanto Avenue. Some stated it good idea as the intersection is dangerous and the additional open space would benefit the park. Others noted that cutting off the flow of traffic would be detrimental to the area.
 - Some expressed the opinion that multi-story buildings would not be good in the park. Others thought that high density buildings would allow for greater open space in the park which should be a priority for the park.
 - Underground parking should be considered to increase the open space in the park
 - Rock Church Property
 - This space should be developed as a multi-generational facility with mothers and children able to use the facility during the day and space for Teens after school.
 - Homes near Rock Church should be considered when planning the uses for this area. Noise and lighting at this location will impact the residential neighborhood the property sits in.
 - Consider closing Escuela Avenue between Rock Church and the park to enable safer, easier access between the properties.

Park Features Exercise

- Activities
 - Community garden space that is open to everyone
 - Improve the skate park, make it BMX friendly and more unique
 - Pool facilities should be larger
 - Concerts in the park would be a great community event for the park
 - Informal sports areas should be maintained in the park
 - Play space for children with their toys
 - Space for community movie showings

- Features
 - It is important to have public art in the park. (*highly emphasized item*)
 - Water features would be nice. It could be a grand element in the park
 - Sustainability is important. Park should inspire the community to be innovative and sustainable.
 - Seating should be placed throughout the park. A variety of seating types should be available in the park.
- Environments
 - Quiet spaces for reflection (*highly emphasized item*)
 - Plaza element that connects to the history of Mountain View
 - Open, multi-use areas
 - Natural/wild areas that are less structured would be nice.
 - The variety of spaces and natural environments should be maintained
- Character
 - Peaceful, retreat, solitude, serene
 - Colorful and inviting
 - Natural, informal – emphasize the park as a living oasis in the city
 - Balance natural feel with functionality of park
 - Represent the diversity of the community